

distributed 2/3/10

Macbeth

Essay #1

A Character Analysis

For this essay, you will select a character from *Macbeth* and come to some conclusions about his or her personality by carefully analyzing what he or she says and/or does in Act 1 and Act 2.

Your essay should be well-developed and well-supported. It should have an introduction, three body paragraphs and a conclusion. Your essay must have at least 6 quotations, properly cited.

DUE DATES:

_____ Evidence List – 10 quotations written out (done) → list of quotes + evidence review

_____ A Picture of an Essay (working on now, due 2/4)

_____ **Typed** Rough Draft

_____ Final Draft, typed and error-free, with a proper heading
Remember to turn in ALL pre-work and drafts!

5 Paragraph Essay Rubric

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Introduction

- begins with either an example, analogy, definition, description or quotation (Grab the reader's attention!)
- includes the title and author of the story
- has a clear thesis/claim and mapping statement (identifies the THREE traits to be discussed and establishes the order of the body paragraphs)

Body Paragraph #1

- has a topic sentence that identifies the trait/idea to be discussed
- explains the significance of the trait
- incorporates 2 specific quotes that illustrate the trait
- provides context for each quote
- explains how each quote proves that the character possesses the trait (discusses "key words" from the quote)

Body Paragraph #2

- has a topic sentence that identifies the trait/idea to be discussed
- explains the significance of the trait
- incorporates a 2 specific quotes that illustrate the trait
- provides context for each quote
- explains how the quote proves that the character possesses the trait (discusses "key words" from the quote)

Body Paragraph #3

- has a topic sentence that identifies the trait/idea to be discussed
- explains the significance of the trait
- incorporates 2 specific quote that illustrate the trait
- provides context for each quote
- explains how each quote proves that the character possesses the trait (discusses "key words" from the quote)

Conclusion

- reviews thesis and main reasons
- ends with a significant conclusion/insight about the character that takes into consideration all 3 traits

Organization

- body paragraphs follow the order stated in the thesis
- order of the ideas is logical and effective
- transitions move the reader from example to example and from point to point

Mechanics

Error-free Proper Heading Proper Citations